

could address it to either Delegate Wheatley or Delegate Lord.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley, do you respond to a question?

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: In the two discussions of the board, as I understand it, a board was not mandated for the community colleges.

On the other hand, there are the local boards which already exist for the community colleges. Would the General Assembly be free to change from the local boards to a general board if they so chose?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: This would not be a restriction. The only restriction is that the type of regulation or government of the institution shall be by board. It does not say whether it shall forever be mandated local or state. This was not intended to be mandated. It is a decision to be made by the local government or the General Assembly which would be provided for some time in the future I would say.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: If the General Assembly decided, could it move from the existing series of local boards to one general board which controlled all or directed all of the community colleges?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: This will be a decision made by the General Assembly, but it must be a board. That would be the only limitation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Maurer.

DELEGATE MAURER: A question for Chairman Wheatley, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE MAURER: Is it not true that there is considerable difference in the government of community colleges as compared or contrasted to that of the University of Maryland or the state colleges? Even the legislation which was considered last year and which will come out of a Legislative Council this year for the community colleges sees a state board which would be a coordinating board working with the local boards or trustees much the way the state board works with the local boards of education, whereas the regents

and the trustees of the state colleges actually operate the university and the colleges so that it is not necessary to move from local community college boards to a state board, but that a combination is envisioned and that this article would allow for such a combination?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: I could not agree with you more. There are many differences between the various boards of higher education and in answer to your specific question that this would allow the greatest flexibility in any direction, the final determination would be who governs the institution and that would be made by the legislature and/or in conjunction with a local instrument of government. From that point once it had been determined it would then be essential that a board would carry out the governing of that particular institution of higher learning.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I may have to make a brief statement to get my question. It is not controversial. I think Delegate Robey's statement has clarified the real issue here, the naming of the different boards for the different colleges.

I would like to ask Delegate Lord one or two questions. One or two of them may be facetious.

I think in one of your answers you said, Mr. Lord, that community colleges do not have autonomy. Is it not true that the community colleges have more autonomy than the state colleges or the University of Maryland? I will tell you the answer is yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: I do not think I made the statement that they do not have autonomy. The statement I did make is that there is not presently a statewide coordinating board that has autonomy.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I just want to clear up that point. Coming back to the question, Mr. Robey's answer has satisfied most of it. I have just one or two questions of Delegate Lord because teachers have been castigated a bit. Are not six of the seven minority members lawyers?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: By quick calculation, I think that is correct.